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Grade: 3 Reading

Theme Five Selection: 1

"Across the Wide Dark Sea"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. Why did the people in this story travel an to unknown land?

- a) They wanted to farm new land.
- b) They wanted freedom to worship as they wished.
- c) They enjoyed traveling.
- d) They wanted to see new lands and start a new country.

2. Why do you think the pilgrims named their new town after the one they sailed from?

- a) It was a law to name your new town after your old town.
- b) They wanted to honor the king of their old country.
- c) They wished to honor and remember their old home.
- d) The pilgrims could not think of any new names.

3. At the beginning of the story, why does the little boy cling to his father's hand?

- a) He's anxious and fearful about a journey to an unknown land.
- b) He likes holding hands with his father.
- c) He misses his mother.
- d) He is afraid he might fall overboard.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

"One afternoon the weary men returned with good news."

Which word means the same of 'weary'?

- a) happy
- b) silly
- c) serious
- d) tired

5. Why do you think the author includes the detail that half of all the people died during the first winter?

- a) To scare the reader.
- b) To show the hardships that people faced.
- c) To make the reader feel sad.
- d) To write a fun interesting story.

6. The genre of this selection is

- a) nonfiction
- b) poem
- c) autobiography
- d) realistic fiction

7. Which word is an antonym for 'cramped'?

- a) crowded
- b) lots of room to move around
- c) can't move around
- d) standing shoulder to shoulder

8. How does the boy feel after six weeks at sea?

- a) He developed a love for sailing.
- b) He is excited because there was lots to do.
- c) He enjoyed all the wonderful food.
- d) He is bored, hungry, worried.

9. Which event happened last in the story?

- a) The ship leaves the pilgrims behind in their new land.
- b) The pilgrims start to build their houses.
- c) The ship sails through a big storm.
- d) They meet the Indians.

Open-ended Response

Think about the trip across the wide dark sea. Think of one word or phrase that describes the ship's journey. Use two details from the passage to support your answer.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Noting Details	R3.A.2.4
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6	d	Genre	R3.A.2.6
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8	d	Inference	R3.A.2.3
9	answer	Sequence	R3.B.1.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Response accurately identified one word or phrase that describes the journey and uses two examples from the passage to support the response..

2 Points

Response accurately identified one word or phrase that describes the journey and uses one example from the passage to support the response.

1 Point

Response accurately identified one word or phrase that describes the journey and uses no examples from the passage to support the response..

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete